Assembly Bill No. 2211

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Passed the Assembly   August 27, 2002

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Passed the Senate   August 26, 2002

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This bill was received by the Governor this ————— day of

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CHAPTER _____

An act relating to community impact statements.

AB 2211, Horton.   Study: community impact statements.

Existing law provides that the victim of any crime, or the parents or guardians, if the victim is a minor, or the next of kin if the victim has died, have the right to reasonably express his, her, or their views concerning the crime, the person responsible, and the need for restitution.

This bill would require the Judicial Council to conduct a study of the potential effects of, implementation issues surrounding, and alternatives to, a policy requiring courts to consider community impact statements, as specified.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1.   The Judicial Council shall conduct a study of the potential effects, implementation issues, and alternatives to a policy requiring courts to consider community impact statements submitted by representatives of a community affected by a misdemeanor crime describing the economic, social, and physical effect the offense has had on persons residing in, and businesses and schools operating in, the community where the offense occurred. It is the intent of the Legislature that the study reflect input from an appropriate cross-section of stakeholders, which may include city attorneys, public defenders or defense council, district attorneys, court representatives, members of the public, including neighborhood associations and public interest groups, experts in jurisprudence or the administration of justice, and any other persons identified by the Judicial Council as able to contribute to the substance of the study. The Judicial Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2004.

Approved ————————————————, 2002

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Governor